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- Fairfax County Faith Communities in Action
- Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services : Community Interfaith Coordination

Facilitators ...

We wish to express our appreciation for the facilitators who have generously donated their time to support the dialogue tonight.:

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Interfaith Communities for Dialogue

Coming to America: The Jewish, Christian and Muslim Experience



Tuesday, May 8, 2012
John Calvin Presbyterian Church
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Dialogue Ground Rules

- The time is shared equally.
- One person speaks at a time.
- Speak from your own experiences; use "I" not "we/they."
- Listen carefully and respectfully to increase your understanding – not to formulate your response.
- Ask questions out of curiosity.
- Be willing to examine your assumptions and judgments..

The Ground Rules will foster community dialogue:

Open-mindedness by listening to and respecting all points of view

Acceptance by suspending judgment

Curiosity by seeking to understand rather than to persuade

Discovery by questioning old assumptions; Looking for new insights.

Sincerity by speaking for yourself about what has personal heart and meaning

Brevity by going for honesty and depth

Interfaith Communities for Dialogue Mission

To build community by promoting understanding, encouraging respect, and strengthening relationships within our culturally and religiously diverse neighborhoods.

Program ... 6:30 p.m. — 9:30 p.m.

6:30 pm Registration

7:00 pm Welcome and Introduction

Marie Monsen, Chair
Interfaith Communities for Dialogue

Rev. Lisa Rzepka
John Calvin Presbyterian Church

7:10 pm Panel Presentation

Coming to America: The Jewish, Christian and Muslim Experience

Rabbi David Kalender, Congregation Olam Tikvah

Fr. Horace Grinnell, Saint Charles Borromeo
Catholic Church

Imam Johari Abdul-Malik, Dar Al Hijrah Islamic Center

8:00 pm Muslim Call to Prayer and Refreshment Break

8:20 pm Small Group Dialogues

9:15 pm Report Out

9:30 pm Close

Dialogue Questions

1. What is your family's experience as it relates to the questions addressed by the clergy? Can you share an interesting story from your family's immigrant experience?
2. How has the religious experience in America shaped you and your family? Did any tensions emerge, and how did you address them?
3. What have you learned about the other faiths based on their shared religious experiences in America? Is there anything that surprised you and/ or changed your view before tonight?
4. What's your key takeaway from discussion tonight's dialogue?